

ADVENT ONE

Collect

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come to rescue us from the threatening perils of our sins, and save us by Your promised deliverance; for You now live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Jeremiah 23:5-8 The Lord Our Righteousness]

Epistle: Romans 13:(8-10) 11-14 Our salvation is nearer now

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 21:1-9 Behold, your King is coming to you

What kind of a king is Jesus? Why did Jesus go to Jerusalem? Where is Jesus coming today?

ADVENT TWO

Collect

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son that by His coming we may be given to serve You with cleansed minds; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Malachi 4:1-6 The great and dreadful day of the Lord

Epistle: Romans 15:4-13 The God of patience, comfort, and hope

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 21:25-36 Your redemption draws near

When will Jesus Christ return? Will He come gentle as a baby? How can I be ready for His return

ADVENT THREE

Collect

Lord, we implore You, give ear to our prayers and lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You now live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:1-8 (9-11) Prepare the way of the Lord . . . comfort my people

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 He who judges is the Lord

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 11:2-10 (11) John's question to Jesus from prison

When will I get relief from suffering? Why doesn't Jesus punish sin now? When I have doubts, where should I go?

ADVENT FOUR

Collect

Stir up your power, O Lord, we implore You, and come among us, that by Your grace whatever is hindered by our sins may yet be speedily accomplished through Your mercy and satisfaction; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 18:15-19 A Prophet like Moses

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always

Holy Gospel: St. John 1:19-28 The Testimony of John

Why not repent? Do you really need a church? Does God use instruments?

MINOR FESTIVALS IN ADVENT

St. Andrew, Apostle - November 30

Old Testament Ezekiel 3:16-21, Alternate Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 30:11-14

Epistle Romans 10:10-18

Holy Gospel St. Matthew 4:18-22

St. Nicholas, Bishop & Confessor – December 6

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 62:1-12

Epistle Hebrews 7:23-27

Holy Gospel St. Matthew, 25:14-23, 25:24-30

St. Ambrose, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor - December 7

Epistle Reading Second Timothy 4:1-8

Holy Gospel St. Matthew, 5:13-19

St. Lucy, Martyr – December 13

Old Testament Reading Ecclesiasticus 51:1-7

Epistle Second Corinthians 10:17-18; 11:1-2

Holy Gospel St. Matthew 13:44-52

St. Thomas, Apostle - December 21

Old Testament Reading Judges 6:36-40

Epistle Ephesians 2:19-22, Alternate Epistle Ephesians 1:3-6

Holy Gospel St. John 20:24-31

St. Thorlak, Bishop & Confessor - December 23

Epistle Hebrews 13:7-17

Holy Gospel St. Matthew 24:42-47

EMBER DAYS IN ADVENT

Ember Wednesday in Advent

Epistle Isaiah 2:2-5, Additional: Isaiah 7:10-15

Holy Gospel St. Luke 1:26-38

Ember Friday in Advent

Epistle Isaiah 11:1-5

Holy Gospel St. Luke 1:39-47

Ember Saturday in Advent

Five Readings: 1. Isaiah 19:20-22, 2. Isaiah 35:1-7, 3. Isaiah 11:9-11, 4. Isaiah 14:1-8, 5. Daniel

3:47-51 (KJV Apocrypha, Song of the Three Youths 1:26-38, followed by Hymn from Daniel

3:52-56, Song of the Three Youths 1:29-34)

Epistle 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Holy Gospel St. Luke 3:1-6

O Antiphons

December 17.--O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering / all things:

Come and teach us the way of / prudence. (*Ecclesiasticus 24:5, Wisdom 8:1*)

December 18.--O Adonai and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on / Sinai:

Come with an outstretched arm and re- / deem us. (*Exodus 3:2, 10:1*)

December 19.—O Root of Jesse, standing as an ensign before the peoples, before whom all kinds are mute, to whom the nations will do / homage.

Come quickly to de- / liver us. (*Isaiah 11:10*)

December 20.--O Key of David and scepter of the House of Israel, you open and no one can close, you close and no one can / open:

Come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness and the sha- / dow of death. (*Isaiah 22:22, Rev 3:7, Luke 1:79*)

December 21.-- O Dayspring, splendor of light ever- / lasting;*

Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the sha- / dow of death. (*Luke 1:78-79*)

December 22.--O King of nations, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone uniting all / people;*

Come and save us all, whom you formed / out of clay. (*Acts 17:26*)

December 23.--O Emmanuel, our king and our Lord, the anointed for the nations and their / Savior:*

Come and save us, O / Lord our God. (*Isaiah 7:14, 8:8; 32*)

Office Hymn for Advent

AM *Vox clara ecce intonat*
Hark a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding
PM *Conditor alme siderum*
Creator of the Stars of Night

Hymn of the Day for Sundays in Advent

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| 1 | Savior of the Heathen, Come
LW Alt: O Lord, How Shall I Meet You | Advent One |
| 2 | The Day is Surely Drawing Near
LW: O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide
LW Alt: Lo, He Come with Clouds
Descending | Advent Two |
| 3 | The Only Son from Heaven
LW: O People Rise and Labor
LW Alt: Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is
Sounding | Advent Three |
| 4 | To Jordan came Our Lord, the Christ
LW: Comfort, Comfort These My
People
LW Alt: Oh, Come, Oh, Come,
Emmanuel | Advent Four |

Hymns for Minor Festivals

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| 110 | Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult | St. Andrew |
| 66 | Of the Father's Love Begotten | St. Nicholas |
| 67 | God Gave His Word by Holy Men | St. Ambrose |
| 68 | Rejoice, All Ye Believers
For All Thy Saints in Warfare... | St. Lucy |
| 69 | (Thomas) | St. Thomas |
| 70 | I Know that My Redeemer | St. Thorlak |

Purple Paraments

Put up tree with purple lights/ornaments

Advent wreath

Glass candles in windows with greenery

Wreaths and garland

Manger Scene

Banners: 2 ceiling and 1 altar, 1 front entrance

